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budget for the next year includes a provision of Rs 1,12,371 for the purpose of increasing the staff of Inspectors, Petty Officers and Peons in the Excise Department and for the pay of the Reserve Police posted at the Frontier, sufficient to check the activities of the smugglers. The campaign may have to be conducted persistently for several years and the whole-hearted co-operation of the Legislature and the public is required for any perceptible effect to be reflected in the Excise returns.

Provision is also made for the staff necessary for the Customs Houses and Preventive Stations for the Anjengo and Thangacherry Frontiers in consequence of the decision of this Government and the Government of Madras to discontinue from 1st July 1937 the system of leasing to this Government the Abkari and Opium revenues of those places and to take up the work of collection themselves.

16. *Forests.*—Provision has been made for the continuance of the temporary staff dealing with the Kudivila claims on royal trees removed from private lands and for the purchase of a Jolly boat and the construction of a picnic shed of wood at the Game Sanctuary and for the continuance of the Officer on special duty for the preparation and issue of a comprehensive work on the Hill Tribes and primitive communities in Travancore.

17. *Stamps.*—In commemoration of the eventful Temple Entry Proclamation dated 27th Thulam 1112, Temple Entry Anchal Stamps of the denominations of 3 chackrams, $1\frac{1}{2}$ chackrams, 12 cash and 6 cash, of a pictorial design, bearing the effigy of His Highness the Maha Raja and pictures of important temples, were issued during the year. They have been popular and stamps to the value of Rs 20,000 are expected to be sold during the current year.

18. *Interest and Sinking Fund.*—Provision has been made for payment of interest amounting to Rs 1.78 lakhs for a full year on the $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Government Loan, 1956, in the budget estimates for 1113.

The question regarding provision to be made for Sinking Fund for the $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Loan, 1956, referred to in para 9 of my budget speech for last year, was further examined. The Loan was raised mainly for financing the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme, which is now in progress. Until the scheme develops

and begins to yield full revenue, it is proposed to create a Sinking Fund by an annual contribution of Bh. Rs 50,000 from 1113 for the purchase and cancellation of our securities if and when they depreciate and stand below par in the market.

19. *General Administration.*—Provision has been made for the regrading of the number of appointments in the several grades of the ministerial staff in the Secretariat, for the continuance of the appointment of an additional Private Secretary to the Dewan, of the temporary staff for the revision of the State Manual for 3 months during 1113, and for the listing, copying, etc., of the large collections of valuable old records preserved in the Mathilagom and Central Vernacular Records, and the temporary staff for the Press Room.

With a view to secure co-ordination and economy in the purchase of stores required by the various departments of public service in the State and to encourage local and Indian purchases as far as possible, a Stores Purchase Committee has been constituted consisting of the Chief Secretary as President, the Financial Secretary to Government and the Director of Industries as members, with the power of co-opting heads of departments whenever necessary. Details of procedure, regarding indents, etc., have been settled and purchases of stores will be made through the Committee with effect from 1st Chingom 1113. A provision of Rs 3,525 on account of the pay of the clerical staff and contingencies is made under 41—Miscellaneous.

A senior officer has been placed on special duty for the revision of the Codes of the Army Department which has been recently reorganised, and the various Accounts and Departmental Codes which are very much out of date.

20. *Administration of Justice.*—With the establishment of Conciliation Boards at important centres of the State for giving effect to the provisions of the Agriculturists' Relief Regulation III of 1112 for which a provision of Rs 55 of a lakh has been made for the next year, it is expected that there will be considerable relief to the existing Civil Courts. The continuance of the existing temporary Second Judges and Munsiffs' courts as well as the temporary Sirkar Vakils' offices has been provided for about six months only by which time it is expected that the question of a possible reduction will be considered and decided upon. Provision has also been made for the continuance of the Temporary Fourth Bench of the High Court till 8th Vrischigom 1113 and for the Statutes Revision Committee which is now